



BIOGRAPHY



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MR. THOMAS J. FOWLER

Mr. Thomas J. Fowler is the Wright-Patterson AFB Site Director for the Joint Strike Fighter Program Office. He is responsible for providing engineering and other acquisition professional support to the Joint Strike Fighter Program based in Arlington, Va. The Joint Strike Fighter Program is projected to be the largest defense program in history.

Mr. Fowler graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1970. After graduation, Mr. Fowler spent nine years in the Navy as a helicopter pilot and supply officer. Upon separation from the Navy in 1979, he came to work at Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD), Air Force Systems Command as a program manager. He gained experience in foreign military sales as the program manager for the sale of F-16 C/Ds to the Republic of Korea. He was also the joint program manager for the Mark XV identification, Friend or Foe (IFF) system, a combined Army, Navy, Air Force, and NATO system with application to over 150 weapon platforms. In addition, he was the Deputy Director of the F-15 Eagle, System Program Office (SPO) during the final development and fielding of the F-15E and the first F-15E combat deployment during Operation Desert Storm. Until October 2002, Mr. Fowler served as Deputy Director, B-2 SPO, Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. He has served as the leader of the Pre-award Support Office at ASC where he was responsible for providing just-in-time, cross-functional training to integrated product teams during the critical program activities prior to contract award.



EDUCATION:

1970 Bachelor of science degree in general engineering, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
1980 Masters of business administration, University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio
1991 Defense Systems Management College, Program Management Course, Ft Belvoir, Va.
1996 Leadership for a Democratic Society, Federal Executive Institute

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. December 1970 – December 1971, pilot training, Pensacola, Fla.
2. January 1972 – November 1975, H-3 helicopter pilot, Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron Four (HS-4), Imperial Beach, Calif.
3. November 1975 – June 1976, student, Supply Corps Officer School, Athens, Ga.
4. June 1976 – June 1978, supply officer, USS Moinester (FF1097), Norfolk, Va.
5. July 1978 – September 1979, Chief, Inventory Management Division, Defense Electronics Supply Center, Dayton, Ohio
6. September 1979 – July 1982, program manager, foreign military sales, F-5 E/F aircraft to Morocco, Korea, and Switzerland
7. July 1982 – May 1984, program manager, F-16 C/D, Republic of Korea (Peace Bridge) Program
8. May 1984 – January 1985, staff support, Aeronautical Systems Division Vice Commander, Air Force Systems Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. January 1985 – August 1987, joint program manager, Mark XV Identification, Friend or Foe (IFF) System, Aeronautical Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
10. August 1987 – August 1988, Deputy Director, Combat Identification System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
11. August 1988 – December 1991, Deputy Director for the F-15 System Program Office Aeronautical Systems Division, Air Force Systems Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
12. December 1991 – August 1992, Deputy Director of Plans, National Aero-Space Plane Joint Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. August 1992 – May 1994, Deputy Director, Program Management Directorate, Aeronautical Systems Center, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. May 1994 – April 1999, Chief, Request for Proposal and Source Selection Support Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. April 1999 – October 2002, Deputy Director, B-2 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. March 2003 – present, WPAFB Site Director, Joint Strike Fighter SPO, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION:

APDP Level III, Program Management

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Vietnam Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal

Superior Performance Rating: Multiple

AFSC Certificate of Merit: 1987

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

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| Ensign | June 1970 |
| Lieutenant (J.G.) | Sept. 1971 |
| Lieutenant | July 1974 |
| GS-12 | Sept. 4, 1979 |
| GM-13 | July 25, 1982 |
| GM-14 | Jan. 20, 1985 |
| GM-15 | Aug. 30, 1987 |

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